



## MARY ANN PEREZ

---

### **CSHB 2945: CARD SKIMMER BILL**

*relating to payment card skimmers on motor fuel dispensers and to creating a payment fraud fusion center; imposing civil penalties; creating criminal offenses.*

This bill amends the Business & Commerce Code by giving the Attorney General (AG) rulemaking authority to prevent skimmer installations on fuel pumps.

Once a card skimmer is found on a fuel pump, the pump must be shut down and local law enforcement shall be contacted within 24 hours. Once a report has been made to the state agency that is in charge of weights and measures at fuel pumps, they shall immediately notify the fusion center and contact law enforcement to inspect the pump.

As the AG will introduce "best practices" to gas station owners, a violation will result in oversight by the agency to make sure they are complying or they can require employee training. Merchants who *willfully* violate these rules are subject to a civil penalty. Merchants who fail to report or have three skimmer discoveries within a 2 year period are liable for a civil penalty between \$1,000-\$5,000. They are liable for other penalties if they refuse inspection, negligently dispose of a skimmer or dispose of a skimmer during an investigation.

The bill amends the Government Code by allowing the creation of a fusion center in the City of Tyler. This is under the supervision of the Attorney General for the sole purpose of combatting payment fraud. This will be housed in the Texans Against Gangs (TAG) Center that is being placed in Tyler.

#### **LIST OF SUPPORTERS:**

***Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT)***  
***Houston Police Department (HPD)***  
***Tyler Police Department (TPD)***  
***Texas Food and Fuel Association (TFFA)***  
***Texas Bankers Association (TBA)***  
***Combined Law Enforcement Agencies of Texas (CLEAT)***  
***Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA)***  
***WEX, Inc.***  
***Credit Union Coalition of Texas (CUCTx)***